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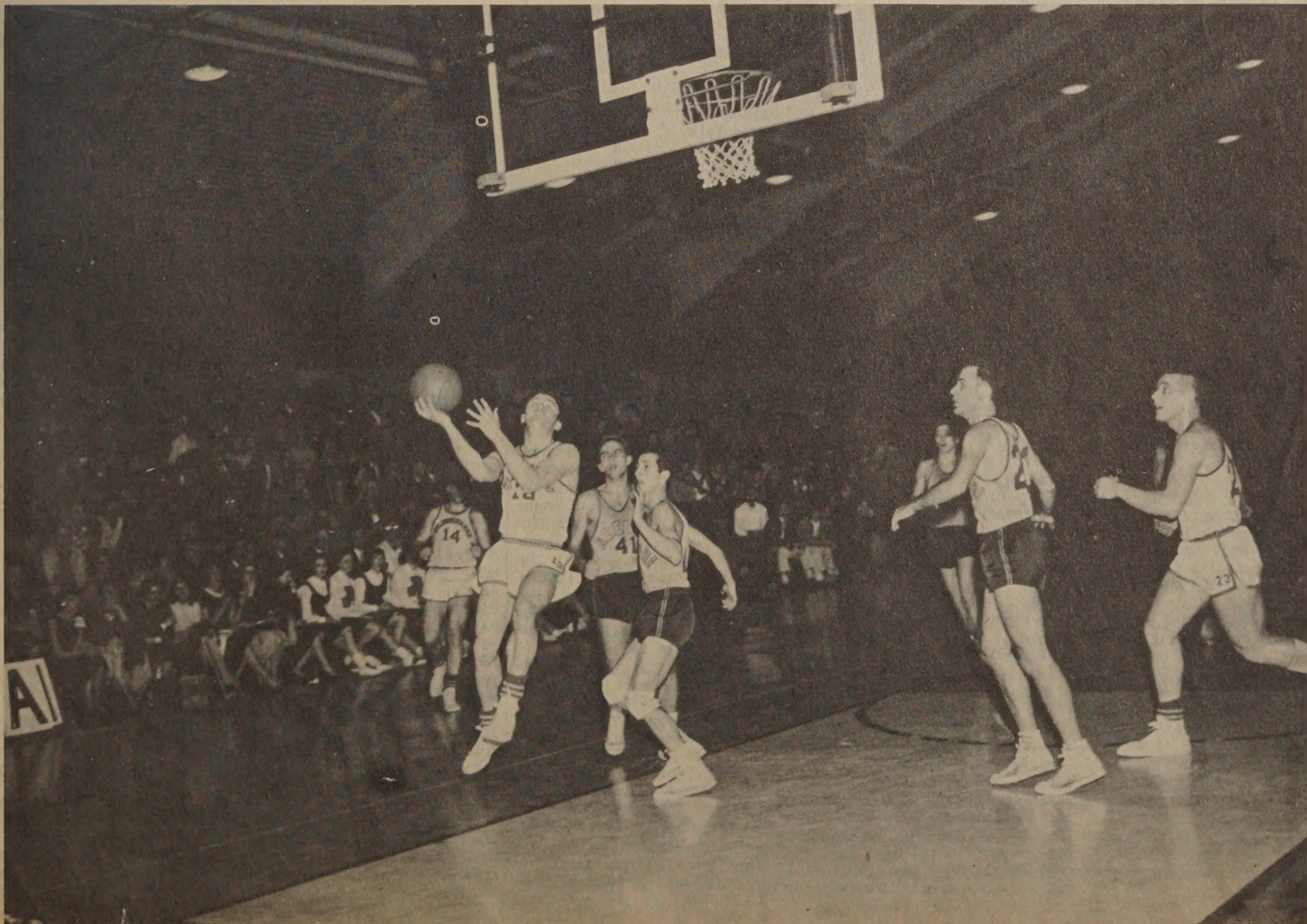
WE DID IT!!!

The Champions that placed Winooski Park on the map - St. Michael's College 1957-58 Varsity Basketball Team:

Left to Right (sitting): Tom O'Rourke, Frank McCaffrey, Ted Burtis, Drew Denmead, Capt. Ralph St. Peter, Tony Nicodemo, Warren Tessier; Standing: Asst. Coach Ed. Markey, Jim Browne, Dick Zeitler, Joe Watson, Joe Spychalsky, Dave Mracek, Hank Gretkowski, Coach George "Doc" Jacobs.



Lucky No. 13 puts his 49th point in the basket at Waltham. Tony "Tiger" Nicodemo, paced the Purple Knights all the way, leading them to the National NCAA Tournament in Indiana after becoming New England Champs by shutting Adelphi out by 96-58.



NO. 2 IN COUNTRY, NO. 1 WITH US



Even when surrounded, Hank Gretkowski, "5", gave the taller Grambling Tigers a rebounding lesson as the Knights won 84-76 over the favored lads from Louisiana.
(A.P. Wirephoto, Courtesy Burlington Free Press)

NEW ENGLAND NCAA TRIUMPH

St. Michael's, a team that wasn't suppose to get a bid, took the Regional Title in the N.C.A.A. College Tournament at Waltham, Mass., on March 7th and 8th. In the opening tilt the Knights took on the Engineers of RPI, and led by Hank Gretkowski's 22 points, disposed of them with little trouble, 72-56. RPI, build around one man, Ellie Hanthro, tried courageously, but were no match for the Jacobs' Machine that worked with its usual precision.

The Brandies Gym, filled with "Visiting Michaelmen", resounded with strains of "When the Saints" and the "Michaelmen Fight Song", every time the local lads "Liberalized" the Technicians.

Later that evening Adelphi, who came on fast in the last six weeks of the season, dumped the Favored Hosts Brandeis 90-72, to play St. Mikes in the finals.

On Saturday after the Judges just got by RPI 71-69, the Long Island Five once again met the Nemesis from the North. Once again the "Belt Parkway" Quintet felt like their former neighbors in a October Day in Yankee Stadium. Led by "George Yardley" Nicodemo, the Knights buried them once more 96-58. The Bengal from Jersey City pumped in 49 and broke more records than Art Ford after a hectic night. An interesting nkte is that Doc Jacobs was about to take out Tiger when Frank McCaffrey told him Tony was about to break Tommy Lemanowicz's previous Knight's record of 41.

Getting back to the game, Adelphi tried to "Zone their way into contention" but the Winooski Warriors learned their lesson on battle tactics well from Doc's Bruce Catton

Primer and after Nicodemo and Co. laid seige from the outside Adelphi looked like Atlanta after Sherman. The ovation was deafening as the game ended, students from St. Michael's rushed out on the floor and lifted their "Iron Men" up on their shoulders--they almost made it with Moose.

After the tournament at Waltham was over, sportswriters in Boston picked the All Star in the New England eliminations. The Purple lead in the balloting with two players named.

On the team were Ellie Hanthro of RPI, who was the whole team. Tony Nicodemo, the scourge of Adelphi. Both Nicodemo and Hanthro were unanimous choices. Also named were Dick "Moose" Zeitler, "Mr. Backboards", Vin Quarto of Adelphi and Rudy Finderson of Brandeis.

ST. MICHAEL'S	FG	FT	TP
Gretkowski	4	2	10
St. Peter	1	0	2
Brown	3	0	6
Zeitler	4	10	18
Nicodemo	20	9	49
Denmead	3	5	11
Totals	35	26	96

ADELPHI	FG	FT	TP
Bedell	1	1	3
Bolwinik	3	2	8
Grant	2	1	5
Jacoby	2	0	4
Benoit	1	0	2
Popho	3	1	7
Quarto	10	3	23
Wallarh	1	2	4
Dowd	1	0	2
Totals	24	10	58

KNIGHTS SLATED FOR BIG WELCOME

By Gene Violette

Michaelmen and Vermonters prepared today to welcome back their heroes.

A full scale welcoming reception from the entire Burlington area is awaiting the Jacobsmen this evening.

The second top small college basketball team in the country will be met by a bang-up reception at the Burlington Airport when the Eastern Airlines plan flies in at 6:51 from Evansville, Indiana.

A carcade will leave the college campus at 6:15 and wind its way through the Winooski and downtown Burlington districts towards the municipal Airport.

At 6:51, the Victorious Purple Knights will be met by the Very Rev. Francis E. Moriarty, S.S.E., President of SMC, the Mayors of Burlington and Winooski, President of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, the Air Force ROTC Band, and the student body of St. Michael's.

Following the initial reception at the airport, the welcoming carcade will retrace its way through both cities to St. Mike's with the Michaelmen Champions out front in six convertibles provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

After the team has had their first opportunity to take a short rest since Wednesday, they are invited to make an appearance in "Nightlights" this evening.

Undoubtedly, South Dakota feels that our Knights lost, but as far as everyone in this area is concerned when they talk about the Knights' uphill fight - "WE DID IT!!!"

ST. MICHAEL'S	FG	FT	TP
Brown	4	3	11
Gretkowski	2	4	8
Zeitler	3	3	9
Nicodemo	2	5	9
Denmead	4	4	12
Mracek	1	0	2
McCaffrey	1	0	2
Orlando	0	0	0
Totals	17	19	53

SOUTH DAKOTA	FG	FT	TP
Keiwei	4	4	12
Hangland	2	2	6
Nelson	0	5	5
J. Daniels	14	12	40
C. Daniels	4	1	9
Hillen	1	1	3
Loomis			
Migerni			
Conway			
Johnson			
Mahoney			
Totals	25	25	75

Halftime Score
South Dakota 38
St. Michael's 29

JACOBSMEN IN FINALS, TRAIL SOUTH DAKOTA

by Jack Dillon

Saint Michael's College and the State of Vermont were paid tribute last night by the St. Michael's College Basketball team. The Purple Knights, in taking second place in the NCAA tourney went to further lengths than any other team in the history of Vermont.

St. Michael's started off the game slow as the ball was stolen from them and Clayton Keiwei scored the first basket for the Coyotes. Jim Browne scored first for the Michaelmen from the freeline and then with 4 minutes gone in the first half he pushed through the first field goal.

"Moose" Zeitler picked up 3 fouls and Dave Mracek became the first substitution for the Knights while in Evansville. At this point South Dakota was leading 29-17, but by half time, the Jacobsmen, led by Jim Browne and Drew Denmead pulled the score down to 38-29.

As the game came in to its final few minutes, "Doc" Jacobs had to empty his bench as Zeitler, Deanmead, and Browne, fouled out. With three of the IRON KNIGHTS off the court,

the St. Michael's offensive began to fold until the last few moments when the team came through to pull the "Hilptoppers" closer to South Dakota. But the mid-western team still kept up their attacks and ended up the game 75-53.

Jim Daniels, who was averaging 17.6 points going into last night's game, was the one man team against St. Mike's with his 40 points.

St. Michael's shooting percentage of 27% shows that the Knights were either nervous or were pushing their shots because of the tremendous defense put up by South Dakota. Unofficially, "Moose" Zeitler led the tourney in rebounds with about 50. From the free line St. Mike's hit 19 out of 25 for a 76%, beating out the Coyotes 73.5%.

EVANSVILLE

Thursday night found St. Michael's again a 10 point underdog entering the National semi-finals of NCAA play against Evansville College of Indiana.

For the second time in as many nights coach George "Doc" Jacobs went the distance with the same five "Iron Men" who had sent favored Grambling to defeat. Throughout the first half the Knights and the hometown Aces battled point for point, the lead being changed 18 times and tied 8 times.

In the second half, the nip and tuck battle continued with St. Michael's barely on top until the final four minutes of play. At this point Evansville's Ed Smallwood, high-scoring forward, slammed home a right-hander to give the Aces a 69-68 advantage. They scored only one more from here on in as the Knights scored 10 in the final minutes to wind up another tourney victory 78-70.

The final eight point margin

GRAMBLING

In the kpening round of the NCAA championship play-off at Evansville, Indiana, St. Michael's faced Grambling University of Louisiana, ranked third in the country in scoring, averaging 93 points per game.

The Michaelmen who were ten point underdogs fell behind in the opening minutes of play. The Grambling "Tigers" broke loose with a scoring outburst, sinking seven of their first nine attempts from the floor. On the wrong end of a 14 to 5 score, the Knights came to life with an astounding 12 point tally in a mere three minutes. From here on in they never gave up the

lead. At half time, St. Michael's held an 11 point lead, 45-34.

With the floor play slowed down considerably by the Vermonters, the fast breaking club from Louisiana chopped away at the big 20, but the clock ran out on them, leaving St. Michael's on top 84 to 76.

Tony Nicodemo led the team in scoring 14 field goals and three foul shots for a total of 31 points, adding to the 49 which he hooped in Waltham. This boosted Nicodemos totals to 91 points in NCAA play. The team as a whole hit a remarkable percentage of 51% from the floor.

POINTS BY SMC IN N.C.A.A.	FG	FT	TOTALS
Gretkowski	22	23	67
Browne	24	14	62
Zeitler	29	23	81
Denmead	17	14	48
Nicodemo	46	21	113
Tessier	0	4	4
St. Peter	1	0	2
Mracek	1	0	2
Orlando	0	0	0
McCaffrey	2	0	4
Watson	0	0	0
Totals	142	99	383

Average of 76.6 points per game in NCAA play for St. Michael's.

Opponents scored 335 points for an average of 67 points per game.

Brown, Zeitler Make NE All Star

St. Michael's College was the only team to place two men at the all star team picked at Boston in the NCAA college division elimination play for the Northeast.

St. Michael's, top New England team for the third year, was the first team from New England to compete at Evansville.

Little Tony Nicodemo whose record breaking 49 points broke Adelphi's back in the finals and Dick "Moose" Zeitler, St. Michael's top scorer, were the two Knights on the all star team.

Nicodemo and Ellie Hantho of Rensselaer Poly were unanimous choices. Others picked were Vin Quarto of Adelphi and Rudy Finderson of Brandeis.

Zeitler was picked earlier in the week on the all-Vermont team. Both Nicodemo and Zeitler were chosen on the all tournament team picked at Christmas when St. Michael's won its own tourney.

"The Tiger" is a junior from Jersey City, N.J. while Zietler is a sophomore from Newark, N.J.

GO WEST, YOUNG MAN, GO WEST

by Vin Farrell

They were at Clermont and they heard--off they went--by foot, by car, by Grenon and SAC bomber (well, almost). Like the Saxon Knights of Old, they left their Maidens Fair, peering out of pawn shop windows along with suit cases and stamp albums. Since Monday, the Exodus had been on, "I'll leave if they win", "Call up Spenser" and various idioms were heard around the hall. Tension grew until the Grambling game--then they were off. Hilda and the Palace guard fell before Hoenig's Hussars, supper that night was taken from barren cupboards. Fr. Ryan was threatened with chants of "Let Chaste Go".

But the students were not the only ones--Dr. Durick wanted Nicodemo mixed in with the "Lake Poets" on Wednesday

afternoon. From the dark depths of the Escorial came a request to play "When the Saints Go Marching In". The Sancti Sanctorum of the Treasurer's Office resembled a pari-mutual window as the scholars brought in their piggy banks. Fr. Duford said it was the wildest time around here since we beat UVM in the College Hall Coliseum 22-11, back in 1932.

(As I am writing this, a few Marco Polo's were returning due to frailities of their steeds (Foreign and Domestic), but whether we are in Evansville or 19 deep in a room, we are behind our Winooski Warriors. "The Sultans of the Swish", despite injuries, have played like their "Back Home in Indiana".

Due to a slight delay in our publishing schedule---

don't worry you nice subscribers, we have been transplanted by magic carpet (courtesy of Hajji Babba) to Evansville. As I walk down the street (incognito of course) I see fellow-Michaelmen. "You say Fiskie is stuck in Courtland", Gee, I wish I could comb my hair like Frank Balch". "Kelly, dear boy, put don that tambourine, I've got money. "Will somebody fish Fuzzy Evans out of Wabash". "Tell me lad, where are we staying? But VIC'S got 13 in the car already. Didn't you tell them my name was Evan Salmore?" But one thing dear pupils is remember that whatever happens out here in this lovely city, no matter what the outcome, the Purple Knights have proven---if it is up to them---"Vermont Does Have A Future..."

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